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## **Minutes 02/24/2014**

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 24, 2014**  
7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dunn, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, \*Mr. Greeley, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro  
Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Marlenga and Mrs. Krepelka  
\*Mr. Greeley arrived at 8:30 p.m.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA** (one vote required for approval of all items)
  - a. Minutes of Meetings: February 10, 2014  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval with correction. **SO VOTED (4-0)**
  - b. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 4/11/14 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall Auditorium for 'Dallin Elementary School Spring Auction'  
Jessica Truslow, Dallin School PTO  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. **SO VOTED (4-0)**
2. **Introduction: New Veterans' Agent, Jeffrey Chunglo**  
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager  
Mr. Chapdelaine introduced Mr. Chunglo to the Board. Mr. Chunglo stated he is very happy to be working for the Town of Arlington and looks forward to many years of service as Veterans' Director. He stated he is extremely familiar with the challenges our veterans, both past and present, face on a daily basis.  
The Board wished him well in his new position.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

3. **Appointment: Transportation Advisory Committee**  
Marjorie J. Moores  
(open term)  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval. **SO VOTED (4-0)**  
Ms. Moores term will expire on December 31, 2017.
4. **Republican Appointee: Board of Registrar of Voters**  
Sean Harrington, Chair, Republican Town Committee  
Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the appointment of John L. Worden, III as the Republican appointee of the Registrar of Voters. **SO VOTED (4-0)**  
Said term will expire on February 24, 2017.

7:30 p.m. **Public Hearing**

5. **CDBG - Performance Update for Program Year 2013-2014**  
Carol Kowalski, Director, Planning & Community Development

Ms. Kowalski stated the following:

Arlington Boys and Girls Club provided working parents with a safe, affordable place for 62 children during the summer months.

-Boys and Girls Club also provided summer employment for five teens in 2013.

-The club also made improvements to the boys' locker room, especially for accessibility improvements for patrons with disabilities.

-Vision 2020 conducted their census survey in 2013 with a strong return rate of 24%, focusing on how residents receive information on Arlington issues and events, how they participate in Town government and Arlington events, and awareness of Town goals.

-The Arlington Youth Counseling Center used CDBG funds to ensure that 34 eligible families received mental health counseling and therapy. \$15,000 in CDBG funds helped provide 221 client sessions for children and adolescents, many of whom are not covered for these services anywhere else.

-The Arlington Recreation Department dispersed nearly \$12,000 for scholarships to 37 individuals and families. They also provided three Arlington individuals with jobs for low-income youths, and allowed eleven young people to participate in the Arlington Hockey Club through the Arlington Youth Hockey Scholarship Program.

-Operation Success: located in the Menotomy Manor Housing Development provides educational support to 25-30 students. The program is staffed completely by volunteers who operate the program Mon- Thurs evenings during the academic year. CDBG funds are used to purchase supplies and equipment for the program.

Current Year CDBG funding: 6,000.

-Fidelity House: Provides an outreach program to the children of Menotomy Manor which include free memberships, free transportation to and from Fidelity House and free camperships and participation in other youth programs offered at Menotomy Manor. Typically 90-100 children are served annually.

Current Year CDBG funding; 14,000.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

6. Vote: CDBG Requests for FY2014-2015 Funding

Carol Kowalski, Director, Planning & Community Development

The Board received applications for \$2.5 million in requests for Community Development Block Grants. The CDBG subcommittee will meet to discuss how to disperse the fund. A formal recommendation will be presented to The Board at a

future date and final endorsement will be made by Town Meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

(SO VOTED (4-0))

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

7. Vote: Approval of Revival and Continuation of Arlington/Belmont/Cambridge Stormwater Flooding Board

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

The Board voted to continue the Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge Stormwater Flooding

Board. This vote would authorize the retroactive approval of the joint powers agreement, originally approved in 2005, for a new term which would run from the date of the original expiration in 2010 until December 2017. Belmont and Cambridge have to take an action to approve the extension as well. Mr. Chapdelaine will facilitate the appropriate administrative actions that need to be taken in order to produce an updated joint powers agreement for the Board's signature.

Mr. Curro moved approval.

(SO VOTED (4-0))

8. Discussion: Town Manager's Evaluation

Daniel J. Dunn, Chair

The Board praised Town Manager Chapdelaine for his high marks in the evaluation review completed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board will vote at a future Selectmen's Meeting on a 2% pay raise retroactive to February 24th.

Mr. Curro moved to endorse the performance review presented by Mrs. Malloy and Mr. Chapdelaine.

SO VOTED (4-0)

The Board also praised Human Resource Director Caryn Malloy for an excellent job in presenting said performance evaluation.

## 9. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

### Article 10 Home Rule Legislation/Cemetery Commission

Mr. Stephen Harrington, 74 Columbia Road, stated he feels the Commissioners have not performed well as commissioners citing the parking issues and other instances that he perceived to be negligence. Mr. Harrington feels that the Cemetery Commissioners should be elected rather than appointed by the Town Manager.

Mr. Byrne stated that appointments to committees are usually not contested and almost always pass without any opposition at meetings when they occur. He feels changing the Cemetery Commission to an elected board is unnecessary if there is not discussion during the appointment process.

Mr. Curro stated he did not want to change the way one commission is run when nearly all others are headed by volunteer appointees. He feels making a potential commissioner run a campaign would discourage residents from applying for the positions.

Mr. Greeley stated he has been a Selectmen for twenty-five years and this is the first complaint he has ever heard of about the Cemetery Commissioners.

Mrs. Mahon moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### Article 12 Bylaw Amendment/Mount Pleasant Cemetery Parking Restrictions

Mr. Harrington stated he feels that allowing parking in the Cemetery is disrespectful and causes damage to gravesites.

Mr. Richard Langone, 15 Swan Place stated that residents of Arlington are held to a different standard of parking and employees are held to another standard.

Mr. Greeley moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### Article 20 Bylaw Amendment/Tar Sands Oil Free Arlington

The Board stated they understood and sympathized with the motive behind the Article, but could not support it passing at Town Meeting. The Board suggested that it possibly could be a non-binding resolution to reduce use and purchase of tar sands-derived oil.

Mr. Greeley moved no action.

SO VOTED (4-1)

Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

### Article 21 Amendments to the District Agreement of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District

The Board voted in favor of continuing the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District Agreement.

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Greeley was absent at time of vote.

## Correspondence Received

Paula Dimattia Request Crosswalk @ Mass. Ave. and  
Request/Answer Center Daniels St. or Richardson Ave.

Be Rec'd

Mr. Greeley moved to refer to the Transportation Advisory Committee for review and recommendations.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence received.

SO VOTED (5-0)

## New Business

Mr. Chapdelaine stated he had met with John Maher, Chair of the Cable Advisory Committee, and David Good, Director of IT, regarding the cable contract and will be reporting back to the Board at a future meeting on said negotiations.

Mr. Greeley asked the Town Manager about the Mass. Avenue Corridor bids that were recently submitted. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that Mass DOT's Highway Division opened bids for the reconstruction of Mass. Avenue from Pond Lane to the Cambridge line. Five bids were submitted and the lowest bidder was J. H. Lynch & Sons with a \$5.98 million bid. Certification of the lowest bid will follow an analysis of the bid documents by Mass.

Dot and the Federal Highway Administration. This process takes approximately 60 days to complete. Following the certification, the Notice to Proceed is issued to the Contractor allowing construction to start.

Mrs. Mahon stated Arlington High School Cheerleaders won the League Title on Sunday and now they advance to the Regionals. Also, Arlington High School Hockey players are playing on Wednesday, Joyce Arena, 8:00 p.m. against St. John's Prep.

Mr. Byrne stated that Arlington Catholic is playing in the state tournament on Wednesday night at Joyce Arena before Arlington High School's hockey game.

Mr. Curro thanked the Town Manager and everyone involved in publishing the Town of Arlington Public Annual Financial Report - Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1013.

Mr. Curro stated that on Tuesday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Hearing Room a public meeting will be held regarding "Ten Things You Need to Know about Arlington's Zoning". Said public meeting is designed to help Town Meeting Members, Arlington Boards and the public to understand the regulation of land and development in Arlington, and to discuss ways that our zoning does and does not meet our needs. The information session will be presented by Carol Kowalski, Director of Planning and Community Development and Michael Byrne, Director of Inspectional Services.

Mr. Curro stated that on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Arlington Senior Center the Public Services and Facilities Working Group of the Master Plan will provide a presentation and listen to comments from Town residents.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator

Next scheduled meeting of BoS March 10, 2014.

#### Agenda Item Documents Used

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